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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Title: **MITIGATION OF UNSTEADY PEAK FAN BLADE AND DISC STRESSES IN TURBOFAN ENGINES THROUGH THE USE OF FLOW CONTROL DEVICES TO STABILIZE BOUNDARY LAYER CHARACTERISTICS**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

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This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed – see item 4 below).

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